HOUSE BILL 3760 By Windle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, relative to military specialty license plates.

WHEREAS, Tennessee is historically and nationally known as the "Volunteer State"; and WHEREAS, Tennessee's veterans take great pride in their contributions and sacrifices in serving the United States; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Tennessee who are veterans and who have served honorably in the armed services of the United States, both in times of war and of peace, should be eligible to purchase a distinctive Tennessee license plate that acknowledges and reflects such noble service; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(5)(H), is amended by adding the following new subdivisions thereto:

- (xiv) United States military, honorably discharged members, pursuant to § 55-4-244;
- (xiv) United States reserve forces, honorably discharged members, pursuant to § 55-4-244;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(1), is amended by deleting the word "and" at the end of subdivision (L), by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (M), and by adding the following language thereto:

- (N) United States military, honorably discharged members, pursuant to § 55-4-244; and
- (O) United States reserve forces, honorably discharged members, pursuant to § 55-4-244.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-244(a), is amended by deleting the first sentence thereof in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Registration plates are authorized for active, retired and honorably discharged members of the United States military and the United States military reserves in good standing.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-244(d), is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(3) An honorably discharged member of the United States military or the United States military reserves shall be eligible for issuance of a cultural plate pursuant to this section. Eligibility for such cultural registration plates for honorably discharged members of the United States military or the United States military reserves shall be determined by the department in consultation with the appropriate information on a Honorable Discharge, DD214 form, or authorized affidavit from a military authority attesting to the applicant's honorable discharge.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.

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